An ACCOUNT of the

Reverend Mr *ASBERRY*,

(Who lived at THIS PLACE in the year 1649.)

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UPON the ruin of the Royal Family, and the death of the King, Lord BROGHILL, afterwards Earl of ORRERY, retired to Marſton, his ſeat in England, which his father, RICHARD Earl of CORKE, had bought of Sir JOHN HIPPESLEY, and was formerly part of EDMUND Earl of CORNWALL's eſtate.

I HAVE heard Lord BROGHILL repeat a remarkable incident that happened during his Lordſhip's reſidence there; which, as it will ſhew the diſtreſs of the loyal party in thoſe days, may perhaps be acceptable to the curious.

THE pariſh church of Marſton is very near to the manſion houſe: Lord ORRERY never failed to go thither on a Sunday; but one Sunday, having ſat there ſome time, and being diſappointed of the then qualified miniſter, his Lordſhip was preparing to return home, when his ſervant told him, a perſon in the church offered to preach. His Lordſhip, though he looked upon the propoſal only as a piece of enthuſiaſm, gave permiſſion, and was never more ſurprized, or delighted, than with the Sermon; which was filled with learning, ſenſe, and piety. His Lordſhip would not ſuffer the preacher to eſcape unknown, but invited him to dinner; and enquiring of him his name, life, and fortune, received this anſwer: *My Lord, my name is* ASBERRY; *I am a Clergyman of the Church of England, and a loyal ſubject to the King: I have lived three years* in a poor cottage under your warren wall, *within a few paces of your Lordſhip's houſe: my ſon lives with me, and we dig and read by turns. I have a little money, and ſome few books, and I ſubmit chearfully to the will of Providence.* This worthy and learned man (for ſuch Lord ORRERY always called him) died at Marſton, ſome years after, but not till his Lordſhip had obtained an allowance of thirty pounds per annum for him, without any obligation of taking the covenant.

This cottage, which was built in the year 1649, was repaired by Mr. ASBERRY's great grandſon, the Rev. THOMAS OLDE, in the year 1752.